

#### Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C. 20535

January 17, 2004

Subject: HARRINGTON, OLLIE FOIA No. 976409-001

#### Dear Requester:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552/552a. Deletions have been made to protect information which is exempt from disclosure, with the appropriate exemptions noted on the page next to the excision. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted in the file to indicate where pages were withheld entirely. The exemptions used to withhold information are marked below and explained on the enclosed Form OPCA-16a:

Section 552	2	Section 552a
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205 page(s) were reviewed and 167 page(s) are being released.

- Document(s) were located which originated with, or contained information concerning other Government agency(ies) [OGA]. This information has been:
  - ☑ referred to the OGA for review and direct response to you.
  - ☑ referred to the OGA for consultation. The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is finished.

☑ You have the right to appeal any denials in this release. Appeals should be directed in writing to the Co-Director, Office of Information and Privacy, U.S. Department of Justice, Flag Building, Suite 570, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001 within sixty days from the date of this letter. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or "Information Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

□ The enclosed material is from the main investigative file(s) in which the subject(s) of your request was the focus of the investigation. Our search located additional references, in files relating to other individuals, or matters, which may or may not be about your subject(s). Our experience has shown, when ident, references usually contain information similar to the information processed in the main file(s). Because of our significant backlog, we have given priority to processing only the main investigative file(s). If you want the references, you must submit a separate request for them in writing, and they will be reviewed at a later date, as time and resources permit.

☑ See additional information which follows.

Sincerely yours,

David M. Hardy
Section Chief
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Records Management Division

Enclosure(s) (2)

A search of the indices to the FBI central records system revealed Ollie Harrington is the subject of Bureau main file 100-379980. Enclosed is the releasable copy of that file.



## **DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**

UNITED STATES ARMY INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY COMMAND FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY OFFICE FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, MARYLAND 20755-5995

REPLY TO ATTENTION OF:

January 20, 2004

Freedom of Information/ Privacy Office

Mr. Brian Dolinar

Dear Mr. Dolinar:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of April 18, 2003, to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), requesting information concerning Oliver Wendell Harrington. The FBI on January 13, 2004, forwarded your request along Army-originated records retrieved from their files, for a releasability determination. This correspondence was received in this office on January 15, 2004.

We have completed a mandatory declassification review in accordance with Executive Order (EO) 12958, as amended. As a result of our review, the records are denied in their entirety as the information is currently and properly classified CONFIDENTIAL according to Sections 1.2(a)(3) and 1.4(c) of EO 12958, as amended. This information is exempt from the public disclosure provisions of the FOIA pursuant to Title 5 U.S. Code 552 (b)(1). On March 9, 1999, the President exempted the files series in which these records are maintained from the automatic records more than 25 years old. It is not possible to reasonably segregate meaningful portions of the withheld pages for release. The records are enclosed for your use. A brief explanation of the applicable sections follows:

Section 1.2(a)(3) of EO 12958, as amended, provides that information shall be classified CONFIDENTIAL if its unauthorized disclosure reasonably could be expected to cause damage to the national security.

Section 1.4(c) of EO 12958, as amended, provides that information pertaining to intelligence activities, intelligence sources or methods, and cryptologic information shall be considered for classification protection.

The withholding of the information described above is a partial denial of your request. This denial is made on behalf of Major General John F. Kimmons, the Commanding General, U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command, who is the Initial Denial Authority for Army intelligence investigative and security records under the FOIA. You have the right to appeal this decision to the Secretary of the Army. If you wish to file an appeal, you should forward it to this office. Your appeal must be post marked no later than 60 calendar days from the date of this letter. After the 60-day period, the case may be considered closed; however, such closure does not preclude you from filing litigation in the courts.

Fees for processing this case are waived.

We are forwarding a copy of this letter to the FBI (FOI/PA #976409-001).

If you have any questions regarding this action, please feel free to contact this office at (301) 677-4011. Please refer to case #343F-04.

Sincerely,

Susan J. Butterfield

Acting Director

Freedom of Information/Privacy Office Investigative Records Repository

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# Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act Deleted Page(s) Information Sheet

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V	Information has been withheld in its entirety in accordance with the following exemption(s):
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	It is not reasonable to segregate meaningful portions of the record for release.
	Information pertains solely to another individual with no reference to you and/or the subject of your request.
	Information originated with another government agency. It has been referred to them for review and direct response to you.
24.	Information originated with one or more government agencies. We are coordinating to determine the releasability of the information under their purview. Upon completion of our coordination, we will advise you of their decision.

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#### **EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS**

## SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b) (1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified pursuant to such Executive order;
- (b) (2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b) (3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on the issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b) (4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b) (5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency:
- (b) (6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b) (7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigations information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b) (8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b) (9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

#### SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d) (5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j) (2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals:
- (k) (1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k) (2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k) (3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18. United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k) (4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k) (5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k) (6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k) (7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

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The "Daily Worker" of April 3, 1951, announced that artist Oliver Harrington will teach evening classes at the Jefferson School of Social Sciences during the spring term. The article describes him as the creator of the character "Bootsie" in the newspaper cartoon "Dark Laughter" and stated that he would teach the workshop course in Painting and Drawing.

The Bureau files do not reflect any investigation of Harrington. You should conduct an investigation of his background and activities and determine whether a Security Index card is warranted.

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Attached is a copy of a memorandum requested by the State Department in connection with passport security. Since the subject is desirous of obtaining a passport, you are instructed to give this case prompt attention.

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Asserting to information received in June, 1945, Oliver Harrington was included on a list of individuals giving tribule to decime Rownein, deceaned. Rownein was a Haitian Hogre poet and an ardent (62-53 272-1) (100-296500-144

Information was received from a reliable informant in 1946 to the effect that Cliver Wendell Marrington, who was then employed by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, had been select to rejain the Communist Party. The informant was unable to say, however, whether he had taken this step. Harrington was at that time extremely active in the affairs of the "People's Voice." The "People's Voice" was wited by the California Counittee on Un-American Activities in 1948 as being "Communist initiated and controlled."

(62-81272-1)In 1946, informants stated that Cliver Harrington was defi nitely Communistically inclined and may possibly have been a Party member. (44-1366-57)

A review of the issues of "New Masses" from September 24, 1946, to January 21, 1947, reflected that Cliver W. Marriagton was a contributor to that publication. "New Masses" was cited as a Communist periodical by Attorney Comeral Francis Biddle September 24, 1942.

(61-9182-86)
Infernation was received in May, 1948, to the effect that
Oliver Harrington, 145 West 14th Street, New York City, appeared on a
list of sponsors or contributors to the Southern Megre Youth Congress.
The Southern Megre Youth Congress. The Southern Negro Youth Congress was cited as subversive and smeng the affiliates of the Communist Party by the Attorney General December 4, 1947.

(100-6548-337 page 114)

The October 2, 1949, issue of the "Daily Worker" announces that Oliver Harrington was Pablic Polations man for the Independent Witness Countities for the Re-Election of Councilmen Davis. Benjamin Davis was a member of the National Countities of the Communist Party.

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Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., a member of the National Committee at the 15th National Convention of the Communist Party held in December, 1950, was reported by confidential informants to have stated that "the new monthly journal, 'Freedom,'" a voice for freedom and peace, should receive unstinted support commensurate with their new report in the struggle for peace and against negro and colonial oppression." Oliver Harrington is listed as a member of the Editorial Board of this paper. (100-3-4-6984 page 101)

The April 3, 1951, issue of the "Daily Worker" announced that Oliver Harrington would teach evening classes at the Jefferson School of Social Science beginning April 9, 1951. The Jefferson School of Social Science was cited as an adjunct of the Communist Party by the Attorney Ceneral in December, 1947. (100-379980-1)

This is furnished for your confidential use and should not be disseminated.

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# Office Memorandum • United States Government

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NB AL	FROM:	SAC, New York (100-104206)
	SUBJECT:	OLIVER WENDEL HARRINGTON SECURITY MATTER - C b7C
	New Mork, enclosed.	Rerep SA dated at the original and four copies of which are herewith
4		The following additional information was furnished subject's activities which was not included in the erenced report for security reasons:
		An anonymous source advised on 8/8/43 that OLLIE N was listed as a contact of ALFRED K. and MARTHA DODD Rockefeller Plaza, New York City.
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b2 b79	dated 9/1	advised that sent a telegram 3/51 to OLIVER HARRINGTON at 145 W. 14 St., which read, ent I speak with you. Please call me
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DETAILS:

This report is predicated upon information received from Confidential Informant of known reliability, who advised that subject was a member of the Communist Party before b2 b7D World War II, and had been asked to join the Professional Branch of the Communist Party during 1946. BACKGROUND Birth Records of the Department of Health, 125 Worth Street, New York City, as reviewed on April 1, 1952 by SE reflect the following birth record: OLIVER WENDEL HARRINGTON, born February 14, 1912; father, HERBERT, born Virginia; mother, JENNIE KURET, born Kungary. Education 1936-1940 Yale University New Haven, Connecticut (Source: records of Confidential Informant another Government b2 agency maintaining personnel records.) Fine Arts Division September 1935-New York University February, 1936 b7C (Source: New York University, New York September. 19, 1932-National Academy of Design 1083 Fifth Avenue November, 1935 New York City (Source: York University, New York City)

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#### Marital Status

.	Records of the Department of Health, 125 Worth Street, New York City, as reviewed on April 1, 1952 by SE  reflect that a marriage license dated September 24, 1943 contained the following information:
	Husband: // OLIVER WENDED HARRINGTON 145 West 14 th Street New York City Age - 30 Occupation - journalist First marriage
	Wife:  ANNE MARIE H NUNI:  46 Morton Street  New York City  Age - 23
ANNE	Born - Norway Occupation - writer, translator Second marriage Father HENRIK HORNEMAN, born Norway Mother - AGNES SMITT AMUNDSEN
	The records reflect the couple were married on September 26, 1943 in New York City. The bride was divorced on April 7, 1942 at Blaine City, Idaho.
	ANNE HARRINGTON was divorced from the subject on November 15, 1947 in Mexico.
	Military Record b2
	The records of Confidential Informant reflect the following information:
	HARRINGTON registered at Local Selective Service Board #53 on October 16, 1940. By letter dated June 21, 1943, the War Department, Washington, D.C., advised Local Board #53 that the

registrant was to be accredited as a war correspondent for overseas service for the "Pittsburgh Courier." On this same date, Local Board #53 issued Form 351, authorizing subject to remain absent from the United States for an indefinite period to represent the War Department as a war correspondent.

Subject was classified 2-B on April 12, 1943, and 4-A on September 26, 1945.

## Criminal Record

Records of the Bureau of Criminal Identification, New York City Police Department, as reviewed on April 2, 1952 by SA reflected no information identifiable with the

subject.

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## Employments

Faculty of Jefferson School January 21, 1952 of Social Science, New York City (Source: "Daily Worker," January 14, 1952) Instructor, Evening Classes Jefferson School of Social April 9, 1951 Science "Daily Worker," (Source: April 3, 1951) Member of Editorial Board of December 13, 1950 "Freedom" Confidential Inform- b2 (Source: of known reliability) b7D ant Campaign Director of 1949 BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, Jr., in election for City Councilman, FINR New York City (Source: "Daily Worker," August 31, 1949)

1946 <b>-1947</b> b2 b7D	Advancement of Colored People.  New York City (Source: Confidential Informant of known reliability)
December 28, 1943- October 20, 1944	War correspondent, "Pittsburgh Courier," Pittsburgh, Pa. (Source: Interview of subject by SAS and on January 25, 1945.)
February 14, 1942 - March 26, 1943	Art Director and Associate Editor of "People's Voice" (Source: Records of Confidential Informant b2
1940-still employed as of January 5, 1942	National Youth Administration, New York City (Source: Records of Confidential Informant b2
January, 1936 - August, 1938	Editorial Department, "Amsterdam News," 2340 8th b7C Avenue, New York City (Source:
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Confidential Informant vised on August 20, 1952 that HARI 145 West 14th Street, New York Ci- passport being delivered to the s five months ago.	ubject approximately four or
advised that HARRINGTON had sub-l been away for several months.	eased his apartment and had
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taining the checks was postmarked Paris, France. She further advised that all the letters containing the checks have been mailed by the subject from Paris since approximately May, 1952.

In addition, the following residences of the subject were set forth:

145 West 14th Street January 25, 1943 -New York City present (Source: Records of Board of Health and neighborhood investigation) 180 West 135th Street October 16, 1940 -New York City September 24, 1943 (Source: Records of Confidential Informant 996 Brook Avenue September 19, 1932 -Bronx, New York October 3, 1936 (Source: Records of National Academy of Design, 1083 5th Avenue, New York City)

## AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

Evidence of Communist Party Membership	b2
Confidential Informant of known reliability, advised on May 31, 1946 that the subject was a member of the Communist Party before World War II, and had been asked to join the Professional Branch of the Communist Party during 1946.	
Confidential Informant of known reliability, advised on May 7, 1952 that through various professional contacts he has known the subject since the Summer of 1946. Informant stated that subject associated with who were described by the informant	, b2 ] b7C
as the Communist faction of employees who attempted to retain control of the newspaper, "People's Voice," prior to the paper closing in 1948.	3

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Informant stated he has not been closely associated with the subject recently, and does not know if subject is or has been a Communist Party member, but that through various contacts he does know that HARRINGTON presently follows the Communist Party line.

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In regard to it is noted that	b7C
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member of the National Commission of the Communist Political Association.	
It is noted that "Political Affairs" has been cited by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, in report #1920, as an "official Communist Party monthly theoretical	
organ."	b2
It is noted that Confidential Informant of known reliability, advised on May 31, 1945 that was a long time member of the Communist Party.	_b7D _b7C
above, advised on May 31, 1946 that had joined the Professional Branch of the Communist Party.	
Communist Party Sympathies	

## Campaign Manager for BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, Jr.

The August 31, 1949 issue of the New York "Sun," a FIND former local New York City newspaper, reflects that OLIVER HARRINGTON was Campaign Manager for DENTAGEN. HARRINGTON was Campaign Manager for BENJAMIN J. DAVIS for reelection as a New York City Councilman.

The October 17, 1949 issue of the "Daily Worker," The October 17, 1949 issue of the "Daily Worker," on Page 3, Column 3, in an article captioned, "5000 at Rally Vow Reelection of DAVIS," reflects that OLLIE HARRINGTON, Public Relations Director of the Independent Citizens Committee for Reelection of DAVIS, served as Chairman at a rally at Harlem's Rockland Palace to support the reelection of DAVIS as an answer to the verdict against the eleven Communist leaders.

It is noted that BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, Jr., was one of the eleven Communist leaders convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on October 21, 1949 for teaching and advocating the violent overthrow of the United States Government.

It is noted that the "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist newspaper.

## Petition to Free Dr. WILLIAM ALPHAEUS HUNTON

The November 9, 1951 issue of the "Daily Worker," Page 3, Column 1, reflects that OLIVER HARRINGTON was one of fifty-four negro leaders who petitioned President TRUMAN to pardon Dr. WILLIAM ALPHAEUS HUNTON. According to the article, HUNTON was cited for contempt during the Summer of 1951 for failure to name contributors to the Civil Rights Congress Bail Fund of which HUNTON was a trustee.

It is noted that the Civil Rights Congress has been cited by the Attorney General as an organization coming within the purview of Executive Order #9835.

## Communist Party Fronts

It is noted that the New York "Sun," issue dated ( 1949, reflects that OLIVER HARRINGTON spoke at ally held at the Coldania August 31, 1949, reflects that OLIVER HARRINGTON spoke at a protest rally held at the Golden Gate Ballroom, Lenox Avenue and 140th Street, New York City.

According to this article, the rally was held to protest the riot occurring at a picnic ground near Peekskill, New York, on August 27, 1949, in which PAUL ROBESON was to be the principal singer and speaker. The above article also reflects that PAUL ROBESON was the principal speaker at the protest rally held at the Golden Gate Ballroom.

It is noted that the July 15, 1949 issue of the "Washington Times Herald," a Washington, D.C. newspaper, carried

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an article entitled, "Probers Told ROBESON is Veteran Red." This article reflects that MANNING JOHNSON, an ex-Communist Party leader, told Congress on July 14, 1949 that ROBESON has been a member of the Communist Party for many years. of known reliability, ad-b2 Confidential Informant vised that the Peekskill disorders of August 27, 1949 and September 9, 1949 in the vicinity of Peekskill, New York, were the outgrowth of concerts given by singer, PAUL ROBESON. The informant stated that the concerts were held under the auspices of the Harlem Division of the Civil Rights Congress. Publication, "Freedom" b2 previously referred to Confidential Informant b7D above, advised that OLIVER HARRINGTON was a member of the Editorial Board of "Freedom." According to the informant, this publication is financed by PAUL ROBESON. of known reliability, ad-Confidential Informant vised that at the 15th Convention of the New York State Communist Party on December 22, 1950, at Stuyvesant Casino, New York City, ROBERT THOMPSON, New York State Communist Party Chairman, urged full support for the publication, "Freedom. or known reliability, Confidential Informant furnished a letter dated March 21, 1951 from Freedom Associates, 53 West 125th Street, New York City, asking OLLIE HARRINGTON to attend a meeting on March 23, 1951 regarding the publication of "Freedom." PAUL ROBESON was to be present at the meeting. b2 Jefferson School of Social Science b7D of known reliability, Confidential Informant furnished a mimeographed copy of a leaflet issued by the Jefferson School of Social Science, 575 6th Avenue, New York City, entitled: "Negro History Week," setting forth the schedule of events for the week of February 11-17, 1951 at the school. OLIVER HARRINGTON was listed as a participant in the program on February 17, 1951.

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The April 3, 1951 issue of the "Daily Worker," on Page 5, reflects that OLIVER HARRINGTON was scheduled to teach a course in painting and drawing at the Jefferson School of Social Science during the Spring Term beginning on April 9, 1951.

The January 14, 1952 issue of the "Daily Worker" on Page 8, reflects that OLIVER HARRINGTON was a member of the faculty of the Jefferson School of Social Science for the Winter Term beginning January 21, 1952.

The Jefferson School of Social Science has been cited by the Attorney General as an organization coming within the purview of Executive Order #9835.

> Speaker at Conference Sponsored by the New York Council of the National Council of Arts, Science and Professions

of known reliability, fur-b2 Confidential Informant nished a printed leaflet captioned, "A Call to a Conference on Equal Rights for Negroes in the Arts, Science and Professions," to be held on November 10, 1951 at The Pythian, 135 West 70th Street, New York City. According to this article, this meeting was sponsored by the New York Council of the National Council of Arts, Science and Professions.

OLIVER HARRINGTON, painter, was listed as one of the speakers at the conference sessions.

It is noted that the National Council of Arts, Science and Professions has been cited by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, in Report #1954 dated April 26, 1950, as a Communist front.

## Civil Rights Congress

NFIND The December 2, 1951 issue of the "Compass," local New York City newspaper, reflects that OLIVER HARRINGTON was to be host at an art exhibit and sale to be held in New York City on December 8, 1951 for the benefit of the Civil Rights Congress.

The Civil Rights Congress has been declared by the Attorney General as an organization coming within the purview of Executive Order #9835.

## American Labor Party

The records of the Board of Elections, New York City, reflect that OLIVER HARRINGTON, 145 West 14th Street, registered for the American Labor Party for the years 1946, 1948, and 1949.

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," dated March 3, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following information concerning the American Labor Party:

## "American Labor Party

- 1. 'For years, the Communists have put forth the greatest efforts to capture the entire American Labor Party throughout New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Brooklyn Sections of the American Labor Party but outside of New York City they have been unable to win control.' (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, Narch 29, 1944, page 78.)
- "2. Among 'organizations that are victims of Communist domination.' (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, pages 40 and 41.)"

On October 18, 1950, Confidential Informant of b70 kmown reliability, advised that without question, the dynamic force in the American Labor Party is the Communist Party. The informant stated that every Communist Party member, with the exception of a few labor leaders, enrolled in the American Labor Party. The informant further stated that it is regarded as a political obligation by each and every Communist Party member to enroll and vote for the American Labor Party.

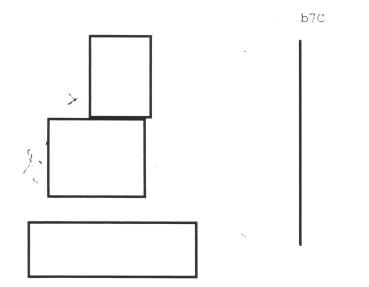
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Actress - playwright Alica Childress and artist Oliver Harrington
will teach evening classes at the | Iefferson School of Social Sciences during the spring term, beginning the week of April 9, officials of the school announced this week.

Miss Childress, now starring in "The Candy Story," will teach the Dramatic Workshop.

Dramatic Workshop.
Harrington, creator of the character "Bootsie" in the popular newspaper cartoon "Dark Laughter," will teach the workshop course in Painting and Drawing.
Classes begin Aril 10 and continue for 10 Tuesday evening. Registration is now going on at the Jefferson School, Sixth ave...



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## "New Masses"

A review of the issues of "New Masses" from September 24, 1946 to January 21, 1947 reflects that OLIVER W. HARRINGTON was a contributor to the publication.

It is noted that "New Masses has been cited by former Attorney General FRANCIS BIDDLE in the Congressional Record on Page 7688 dated September 24, 1942, as a "Communist periodical."

Miscellaneous Communist Activity

Attendance at Dinner in Tribute to JACQUES ROUMAIN	
Confidential Informant advised a meeting on May 24, 1945 at 8:15	b2 b7D
p.m. of the Association Democratique Haitienne and Friends of	
JACQUES ROUMAIN, 240 West 44th Street, New York. According to	
informant, this meeting was held in tribute to JACQUES ROUMAIN,	
deceased, who was described by the informant as the founder of	
the Communist Party in Haiti. The informant stated that OLIVER	
HARRINGTON was in attendance at this meeting.	
advised further that most of the persons in at-	
tendance at the meeting were Communist Party members or sympa-	
thizers.	

## Committee for Election of Dr. W. E. B. DuBOIS

The October 6, 1950 issue of the "Daily Worker," on Page 3 reflects that OLIVER W. HARRINGTON, "well known cartoonist," was Chairman of the Non-Partisan Citizens Committee for the Election of Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, American Labor Party candidate for U.S. Senator from New York.

It is noted that Dr. W. E. B. DuBOIS was identified as a Communist on October 14, 1949 by Confidential Informant b2

## Provisional Harlem Committee to Repeal the Smith Act

The September 19, 1951 issue of the "Daily Worker" on Page 1, reflects that OLIVER W. HARRINGTON was a temporary member of the Provisional Committee to Repeal the Smith Act. According to the article, the meeting was held by the Committee on September 17, 1951 at the Hotel Thersa in New York City, which was attended by forty, and that HARRINGTON presided as Chairman. The meeting was addressed by Attorney GEORGE W. CROCKETT, Jr., of Detroit, who, according to the article, "helped defend the eleven Communist leaders and was himself sentenced to four months for contempt by Federal Judge HAROLD R. MEDINA in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York."

In regard to the Provisional Harlem Committee to Repeal the Smith Act, it is noted that the article in the "Daily Worker" reflected very favorably toward the Committee.

## Defense Committee for WILLIAM L. PATTERSON

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On May 7, 1951, Confidential Informant of known reliability, furnished a letter captioned, "Defense Committee for WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, 23 West 26th Street, New York City," and dated April 27, 1951, which announced a dinner was to be held in honor of WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, National Executive Secretary of the Civil Rights Congress. According to the letter, this dinner was to honor PATTERSON for his leadership for a fourth of the century in the struggle for Constitutional liberties and human rights. OLIVER HARRINGTON was listed as Secretary of the Committee.

In regard to WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, it is noted that in the February, 1951 issue of "Masses and Mainstream," WILLIAM L. PATTERSON is quoted as saying, "I joined the Communist Party and went down to the International Labor Defense and offered them my life."

It is noted that the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, in Report #1953, cites "Masses and Mainstream" as successor to "New Masses," "a Communist magazine."

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	Records of the Bureau of Special Services and Investigation, New York City Police Department, as reviewed by SA on April 10, 1952, reflected no additional information concerning the subject.	D b7C
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o7C	Records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, as reviewed by SA on April 10, 1952, contain no pertinent information concerning the subject.	
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	Records of Confidential Informant reflect the following description of the subject:	
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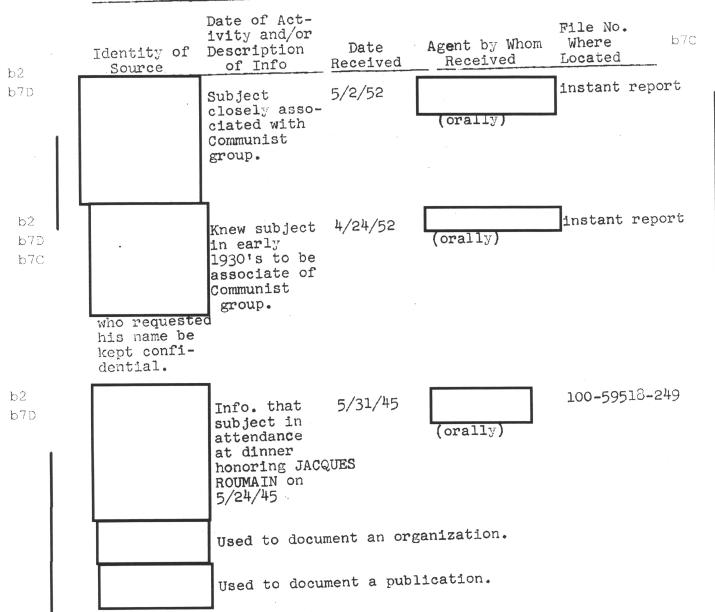
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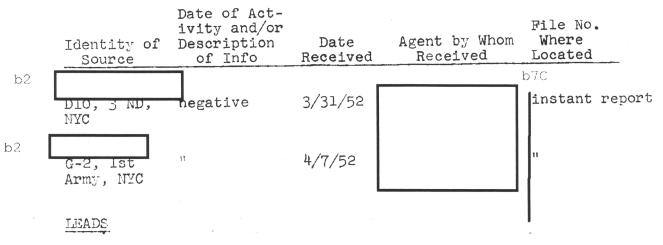
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#### WASHINGTON FIELD

#### At Washington, D.C.

Will check the records of the Passport Division, Department of State, to determine if subject recently issued passport and whether he is presently overseas. Will furnish information from these records of subject's itinerary, and other pertinent background information.

Will furnish the New York Office a photograph of subject if available.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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with the following restriction: "Not valid for travel to Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria and Hungary." In this application the subject stated he was born February 14, 1912 in New York City and listed his permanent residence as 145 West 14th Street, New York City. He indicated he proposed to leave the port of New York on February 15, 1952 on the Liberte to visit museums and continue the study of painting and art kistory. The subject indicated further that his Father, HERBERY JARRINGTON was born in Sanferi, North Carolina on March 19, 1886; and his mother, EUSZANIE TURAT HARRINGTON, born August 12, 1890 in sudepest, Hungary, immigrated to the United States in 1910 and was naturalized in February, 1912. He listed his parents address as 1029 Boston Road, New York City

The subject indicated he was merried on
September 27, 1943 to ANNA MARIFLEORNEMAN, who was born
at Oslow, Norway, date not given. They were divorced on
May 15, 1948, place not indicated. She presently resides
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The above passport application contained the following notation by the subject: "The purpose of my trip, as I have indicated on the passport application, is to continue my studies in painting and art history. Naturally in this connection I must visit art collections and various

museums in France and Italy. I do not plan to write or produce any work for any agency during my visit."

The subject's passport file contrined a communication dated Merch 21, 1952 from the Department of State to the American Embassy in Paris, stating that if the opportunity presented itself the subject's passport, number 546000 issued January24, 1952 should be picked up and validated for return to the United States only, in view of the subject's affiliation with the Communist Movement.

The subject first made application for passport on December 16, 1943 at New York, New York and was issued passport number 789342 on December 22, 1943 with the following restriction: "Expires in six months, not valid for

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travel in any country except North Africa and necessary countries en route". He indicated his permanent address as 46 Morton Street, New York, New York and proposed to go abroad as a war correspondent, to return to the United States within six months.

The above passport application was accompanied by a letter dated December 16, 1943 from P. L. PRATTIS, A Executive Director of the rittsburgh Courier Publishing Company, stating that this newspaper proposed to send the subject abroad to a theater of wer with a military unit.

On October 14, 1944 the subject filed application at Naples, Italy for extension of passport. His passport was extended until April 14, 1945 and validated for controlled Italy and necessary countries on route to the 5.8. Documentary evidence submitted by the subject at the time of the extension consisted of Passport number 759342 and AGO C. rd number 1735 is seed November 1, 1943.

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The following description was obtained from the subject's most recent passport application, dated January 16, 1952

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New York New York
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One negative and five prints of photograph of subject which appeared on the passport application dated January 16, 1952.

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American Ambassy 2 Avenue Gabriel Paris 8, France

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November 14, 1952

To:

Director, FBI (100-379980)

From:

Legat, Paris (100-385)

Subject:

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SUBJECT: OLIVER WENDEL HARRINGTON

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то	: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-379980) DATE: 3/8/54
FROM	Sand 163
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S. S.	Re report of Sa dated 9/11/52 at New York b70 and report of SA dated 10/21/52 at Washington, D. C.
	On 3/8/54 Mr. ASHLEY J. NICHOLAS, Assistant Chief of the Passport Office, Department of State, advised that the Department had received a dispatch from the American Consulate General, Marseilles, dated 2/2/54, stating that an opportunity to pick up the subject's passport had been missed when it was presented for renewal on 1/25/54,
	the oversight having been b2
(C)	ject left the office. The dispatch further stated that efforts had
	been made to have the subject bring his passport back to the Consulate General but that thus far their afforts had been unsuccessful. The
	dispatch requested that the Consulate General be informed if the Department
	desired that they endsavor to obtain the subject's passport
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	Mr. MICHOLAS advised that on 2/23/54, instructions were sent from the Passport Office to Marseilles, requesting that further efforts be made to take up the subject's passport with the aid of and in the event the subject's passport was obtained, he was to be given an opportunity to execute an affidavit setting forth whether he is or has ever been a Communist, and to furnish any further infor-
	mation regarding his activities which he may care to submit.
	Mr. NICHOLAS advised that the subject's passport was renewed on 1/25/5h at Marseilles to be valid until 1/23/56. He stated that no further information is available at this time, but that he would keep this office advised on future developments in this case. RUC
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Re report of Special Agent September 11, 1952.

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There is attached for your information one copy of a communication from the Legal Attache, Paris, France, dated May 5, 1954, which is self\_explanatory.

A review of the files of this case fails to reflect any information regarding the subject's marriage to a former instructor at the Jefferson School of Social Science. You should attempt to determine the identity of subject's present wife and advise Bureau accordingly.

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